

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Re-examination and favorable reconsideration in light of the above amendments and the following comments are respectfully requested.

Claims 11 - 24 are pending in the application. Currently, claims 11 - 13, 16, 18, and 19 stand allowed; claims 14, 15, and 17 stand rejected; and claims 20 - 24 stand objected to.

By the present amendment, claims 11, 18, 19, 20, 23, and 24 have been amended for editorial purposes and not for reasons relating to patentability; and claims 14, 15, and 17 have been amended to overcome the rejection on indefiniteness grounds.

In the office action mailed October 12, 2007, claims 14, 15, and 17 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph; and claims 20 - 24 were objected to under 37 C.F.R. 1.75. The foregoing rejection is traversed by the instant response.

With regard to the rejection of claims 14, 15, and 17, antecedent basis has been provided for all of the terms in these claims. Thus, the rejection is now believed to be moot.

With regard to the objection regarding claims 20 - 24, these claims are not a duplicate of claims 11, 13, 16, 18, and 19. The claims as amended call for the convertible vehicle to have certain structural elements such as a longitudinal axis, a front and a rear, a storage space, a rigid roof, a chassis, a passenger compartment and the inventive retractable parcel shelf system. Claims 20 - 24 are combination claims and claims 11, 13, 16, 18, and 19 are subcombination claims.

The Examiner is thanked for the indication of allowable subject matter.

The instant application is believed to be in condition for allowance. Such allowance is respectfully solicited.

Should the Examiner believe an additional amendment is needed to place the case in condition for allowance, the

Examiner is hereby invited to contact Applicants' attorney at the telephone number listed below.

No fee is believed to be due as a result of this response. If any additional fees are required in connection with this case, it is respectfully requested that they be charged to Deposit Account No. 02-0184.

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